19 December 1986 OCA: 86-3993

NOTE FOR: The Acting Director

FROM:

Dave Gries

SUBJECT:

Weekly Report



The Senate Foreign Relations Committee will hold hearings in late January on US policy toward Iran. In this connection they want the DCI or DDCI to testify on 21 January.

Senate Select Committee:

Daniel Inouye (D., HI), Chairman David Boren (D., OK) Howell Heflin (D., AL) George Mitchell (D., ME) Sam Nunn (D., GA) Paul Sarbanes (D., MD)

Warren Rudman (R., NH), Vice Chairman William Cohen (R., M Orrin Hatch (R., UT) James McClure (R., I William Cohen (R., ME) James McClure (R., ID) Paul Trible (R., VA)

The political complexion of the 11 member panel is center to center right. No staff has been named yet, but we are told that some outgoing SSCI staffers will go with the Select Committee; Bernie McMahon's and Dan Finn's names are frequently mentioned. In a press conference, Senator Inouye indicated he would work closely with SSCI. He will use SSCI's secure facilities for hearings (219 Hart) and for the storage of classified material. Pending clearances for his new Committee staff, he will use SSCI staffers. We have learned that Bernie McMahon briefed the new Committee yesterday on what the SSCI has learned and suspects. More such briefings will follow. Senator Boren has invited members of the Select Committee to read transcripts of SSCI hearings. There is a possibility that Senator Inouye will ask the SSCI to question witnesses early next year before the Select Committee is in operation.

House Select Committee:

Dante Fascell (D., FL) Louis Stokes (D., OH) Les Asbin (D., WI) Peter Rodino(D., NJ) Jack Brooks (D., TX) Tom Foley (D., WN) Eddie Boland (D., MA) Ed Jenkins (D., GA)

Lee Hamilton (D., IN), Chairman Dick Cheney (R., WY), Vice Chairman William Broomfield (R., MI) Henry Hyde (R., IL) James Courter (R., NJ) Bill McCollum (R., FL) Mike DeWine (R., OH)

No staffing or security arrangements similar to those announced by the SSCI have been worked out. The staffing should give us a tipoff of what the Committee expects. If staff is seconded from existing staff with clearances, the Committee probably expects its work will be short lived. If, however, it goes out and recruits new people, it is planning on three months for clearance, at least three months for investigation, and another three months to write the report. Committee sources tell us that they expect existing staff to be utilized but that a few lawyers/investigators will be hired. If, however, the Independent Prosecutor grants immunity to North and Poindexter, many staffers believe it would steal the Committee's thunder and cause the investigation to be concluded speedily.

OCA continues to provide documents to the SSCI (with an identical package being sent to HPSCI) in response to their 3 December subpoena regarding Iran arms sales. Thus far we have forwarded documents. Inputting the material into the Delta Data is proceeding and will be up to date by 23 December.

CC: DDO
DDI
DDS&T
DDA

Distribution:

Original - Addressee

1 - DDCI

1 - EXDIR

1 - ER

1 - Comptroller

1 - D/PAO

1 - General Counsel

1 - D/OP

1 - D/ICS

1 - D/OCA Chrono

1 - EO/OCA

1 - DD/House Affairs/OCA

1 - DD/Senate Affairs/OCA

1 - DD/Legislation/OCA

1 - OCA Subject

1 - OCA Chrono

STAT